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Rogers outage causes an onslaught of problems

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

A recent national connectivity outage is making local organizations and businesses think about the what-ifs around a repeat situation.

With service provider Rogers experiencing an outage on July 8 across the country, there were millions of Canadian residents and businesses left unable to complete purchases with debit cards and E-transfers, access the internet, complete phone calls and send texts.

In a public message from Rogers president and CEO Tony Staffieri, it was stated that the cause of the outage was "a network system failure following a maintenance update in our core network, which caused some of our routers to malfunction early Friday morning. We disconnected the specific equipment and redirected traffic, which allowed our network and services to come back online over time as we managed traffic volumes returning to

normal levels."

For many, Rogers networks took far too long to return to normal, with some facing an entire work day without access to essential internet and phone services.

Rogers sent out a media statement on Saturday, July 9 at 7 a.m. that said they had restored services for "the vast majority" of customers.

The impact of the outage in the Haliburton Highlands ranged from minor inconveniences to entire companies having to set back work for days.

Those most affected in the Haliburton Highlands were retailers experiencing failed debit functions with their machines, companies that use Rogers for their phone and internet systems, and people that work from home.

Office administrator at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Kirstley Dams said, "I think the overall opinion is frustration [from] clients or customers who only had debit available, and there would have potentially been lost sales or

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Murray Fearrey ready to be mayor again

DARREN LUM

Editor

There's a lot of work needing to be done in the Municipality of Dysart et al according to former mayor Murray Fearrey, who wants to be the candidate to do it and is hoping voters feel the same way.

He cited several reasons for re-entering politics after a four years away after he lost to outgoing Mayor Andrea Rob-

erts, who is not running in the upcoming municipal election in October.

Among them, he said, include issues that were not handled this past term and how vacancies need to be filled, which includes the mayor's seat and the deputy mayor's seat on Dysart council, including positions on Haliburton County council.

"So, I think that the issues that are on the table, the important issues, by the

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Gord Kidd performs during the Ukrainian Refugee Fundraiser concert on Sunday July 3 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Featuring Gord Kidd and Friends, the outdoor afternoon concert helped to raise more than \$4,000 (with more money still coming in) for the Lion's International, who will give the money direct to Ukrainian refugees. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Nation-wide outage disrupts local connectivity

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chaos at checkouts with people needing to abandon orders to get to ATMs. The other thing is that a lot of businesses would have incurred more charges during the outage since a lot of credit cards were still going through, but most payment processors have a higher charge to the business of credit card purchases than debit card purchases."

One of the more fortunate businesses during the outage was Foodland in Haliburton.

Manager Brad Park said that the Rogers outage affected their debit card functions like many other places, but they were busier that Friday than the previous year, so the outage brought in more shoppers than usual.

For the Haliburton County Development Corporation, using NFTC as an internet provider meant that both their office and Business Incubator space remained online.

"It was great for our clients who needed the internet that day, but town was definitely a flurry of commotion," said HCDC Business Incubator coordinator Kat Schouten.

Owner of Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc. Brandon Nimigon said that their brokerage uses Bell as an internet provider, so the company office was not affected.

"A few of our agents who use Rogers were greatly affected from having no phones or access to anything such as booked showings, accessing lockboxes, and emails," he said.

Andrea Hagarty from Bonnie View Inn said although the resort faced a few setbacks, the issues were manageable.

"The shortage did not impact us majorly, other than maybe a few people didn't come in because they thought it might. Most people with debit have credit cards or cash. A couple of people couldn't call to say they would be late checking in."

Other individuals and businesses faced far more challenging situations caused by the outage.

Unfortunately, the first day of CanoeFM's annual Radiothon fundraiser was on Friday, July 8.

The station's manager Roxanne Casey said, "The Radiothon started out very



Kegel Heating and Cooling employee Jamie Pyl checks his equipment to prepare for a day of work. Kegel Heating and Cooling was one of the many businesses in Haliburton County who lost their internet and phone connections during the Rogers outage on Friday, July 8. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

slow due to all the issues that Rogers presented us with. People were unable to call in, and we couldn't process payments, which was all a bit of a challenge. Our Friday totals were down substantially from other years. We had intended to have pop-up auction items aired all day Friday, but decided against using them as there just weren't the people with access to phones, so we noticed the bidding was way down."

The problems were resolved by Saturday and Sunday, so CanoeFM was able to make up for lost time and raise close to \$39,000 over the weekend.

Taylor Vince, who works from home for IT World Canada, a video production company, as a digital content creator experienced lost work days.

"That was quite the headache for everybody. We had to cancel four video interviews that were scheduled to be recorded over Zoom on Friday. Having to delay the recordings meant that the schedule for our entire creative services team of eight people was set back about two days," she

said.

Many trades workers were negatively affected by the Rogers outage in more than one way and seek new solutions to help avoid similar circumstances in the future.

Operations manager at Kegel Heating and Cooling Kyla Sisson said the company lost access to both their internet and phones during the Rogers outage.

"With the internet out it means our computer and phone systems don't work. We have a VoIP phone system that requires the internet to function, which is really unfortunate because our customers couldn't contact us, and we couldn't contact them. This would be a terrible situation to have during the heating season as we deal with many no-heat calls that are emergency situations that we have to take care of as soon as possible. Without the internet, we would have no way to receive those calls and dispatch a technician. We have a generator installed at our office to deal with power outages, but there isn't much we can do to prepare for

internet services."

Although Rogers is automatically crediting Canadian customers with the equivalent of five days of service on their August bill, Kegel Heating and Cooling is in pursuit of more stability.

Sisson said that company will be switching from Rogers to Starlink for their internet services as soon as they become available.

Starlink internet is much faster than internet that uses a fibre-optic cable because it uses many satellites that are 60 times closer to Earth than singular geostationary satellites which are used by most internet providers use. This means that it takes less time for data to travel from the user to the Starlink satellite and back.

"Starlink internet works by sending information through the vacuum of space. Starlink is a constellation of multiple satellites that orbit the planet much closer to Earth to cover the entire globe," said the Starlink website.

Sisson said that Kegel Heating and Cooling is on the waitlist for Starlink Business which will be available in Haliburton County in 2023.

Discovery Dream Homes design and consulting associate Kirk Figueira said he wasn't able to get in contact with subcontractors that were scheduled to deliver materials on the same day.

"The issue is that everybody's dropping landlines to save money. That solid phone line that used to connect a person's phone to other people's phones has been exchanged for electronic smart devices that become useless when not connected to a network," he said.

Figueira has been a Rogers customer since 1995 and is deciding to continue to use its services.

"This is the first of this kind of issue I have ever witnessed," he said. "I believe this is only a sign of things to come as we become more dependent on this sort of technological infrastructure."

Rogers has outlined an action plan to attempt to avoid a similar situation in the future.

Staffieri said in his statement, "We will take every step necessary, and continue to make significant investments in our networks to strengthen our technology systems, increase network stability for our customers, and enhance our testing."

Fearrey is not running as part of a slate with McKechnie

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way, which have not been dealt with, I think that I can [help with my] experience and do the right thing for Dysart. And Dysart does need strong representation at the county," he said.

The former mayor who served more than four decades referenced the shoreline preservation bylaw, the concerns surrounding Air BnB and cottage rental businesses, which are "two huge issues for waterfront property owners."

He adds this was an issue that came up during the last municipal election and feels it wasn't handled.

"So, I think we have to move forward on some of those things and, plus, I got concerns about the health services. What can we do? What do we need to do as a community to correct those situations that we've gotten now, which are pretty scary by the way," he said.

Fearrey filed his nomination on July 13, but was motivated by "many" people – more than a dozen he said – who communicated their support for him to return to politics the past three months.

"I made sure my health was as good as it could be for my age. And it's something that I can do, but I believe I can do it a reasonably good job for people," he said.

The 80-year-old said running in this election isn't about his ego.

"I don't need this, but I want to do it for the community and for Dysart. I've spent half my life working for the people here and I just want to make sure that we leave things so there's somebody else [and is] going to move up on council that hopefully we got some new faces there and some stronger voices and then take over when we're done here," he said.

The former mayor said age is just a number and people die in their 40s, 50s and 60s.

As long as a person's mind is sharp to make decisions, that's the important thing, he said.

"That's what matters in politics is that you can make decisions ... they're not always perfect, but make decisions and move the community forward," he said.

He dispelled any notion that he will run as a "slate" with Walt McKechnie, who filed his nomination to run for the deputy mayor a few days before Fearrey.

"No, I'm my own candidate. I've always been my own candidate and, you know what, because you can't, I don't like slates and I don't like teams," he said.

McKechnie, who is a councillor currently, served on council with Fearrey for two terms.

Fearrey acknowledges the two have talked, but he said he talks to everybody. The two are friends and have known each other for decades, but this doesn't mean the two are in agreement on everything,

he added.

Other nominations for Dysart council include Rob McCaig for Ward 1, Daniel Roberts for Ward 2, Tammy Donaldson for Ward 3, Rod Dobson for Ward 4 and Gary Brohman for school trustee. Currently, these candidates are running unopposed and no one has been nominated for Ward 5.

Nominations will be accepted up until Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. The 2022 Ontario Municipal and School Board Election is on Oct. 24. The advance voting period starts Oct. 14. Voting can be performed by the internet or by telephone. Residents are encouraged to confirm they are eligible to vote. See voterlookup.ca to update information and ensure you're on the voters list. The official election results will be declared on Oct. 25 and the inaugural meeting for the 2022 to 2026 term of council is Nov. 15.

OPP offers online buyers and sellers a safe space

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Finding that safe public space for your next online purchase is only an OPP detachment away.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment is inviting the public to their designated "community safe zone" in their parking lot located steps from Highway 35.

Project Safe Trade is an OPP initiative that aims to make online transactions safer for both buyers and sellers by providing a well-lit, public place to meet.

The project is an Ontario-wide initiative with designated safe locations in Bracebridge, Collingwood, Thornbury, City of Kawartha Lakes, Carleton Place, Central Hastings, Hawkesbury, Prince Edward County, Quinte West, Bancroft, Essex, Wellington County, Grey Bruce, Elliot Lake, Mattawa, Manitoulin, Little Current, East Algoma, Espanola, Sault Ste Marie, and now Haliburton County.

The Haliburton Highlands detachment has two parking spaces in their parking lot with Project Safe Trade signage and paint provided by the Township of Minden Hills.

OPP provincial constable Michael Melnychuk said to the *Echo*, "It is important to conduct these transactions in public places when feasible. People coming to your private residence may obtain personal details about you, what is at your residence, and who lives there. You may also not feel comfortable with the people you are meeting, whereas in a public place, you can just drive away and not feel pressured. At the OPP station, you are not isolated. The area is well lit and clearly visible from [Highway 35]."

The website states that only five per cent of internet and phone scams are reported due to victim embarrassment, so the OPP created Project Safe Trade to help decrease the amount of online transactions made in secluded parking lots or personal residences.

"Online classified and auction sites are often used as tools to sell stolen property to unknowing victims and can present a safety threat. In order to increase public safety and reduce crime, the Ontario Provincial Police is inviting members of the public to use their OPP detachment parking lot to facilitate property transactions arranged online," as stated on the OPP website.

Administrator of the Haliburton/Minden Moms Swap and Buy Facebook page Aarica Hurl said that some people may feel intimidated to use the OPP detachment as a meeting space, but those that desire to feel safe will use it.

"I think it's a good idea to have a safe location in general, whether it's the police station or somewhere else. Transactions need to feel safe, and in our rural area, there are unknown dangers like poorly-maintained roads and areas without cell coverage," she said.

Hurl explained, if she were to buy off of a website like Kijiji when she isn't acquainted with the seller, she would prefer to meet at a safe, public location like the OPP detachment.

"If the person had bad intentions, they are less likely to show up if that was where you picked as your meeting spot," Hurl said.

She added a public meeting place would be safer for her family.

"As a mom of two, I know there were times I was unsure about meeting at someone's house alone or people coming



The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment are enabling the public to use their parking lot for Project Safe Trade which provides designated parking spaces for online buyers and sellers to meet in a safe, public, well-lit area. Pictured is OPP Sergeant Rob Flindall. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

to my home, so I would ask to meet at a parking lot in town where people could see us," Hurl said.

Any legal transactions made at the Project Safe Trade meeting area will not be mediated by the OPP.

"Under normal circumstances, there will be no police intervention. Officers will not provide documentation and will not be a witness to a transaction. However, should one of the parties request an officer, one will respond. Officers will only intervene if the transaction becomes a bylaw, provincial, or criminal matter," read an OPP statement.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment is located at 12598 Highway 35 in Minden. For more information about Project Safe Trade, visit opp.ca/index.php?id=115&lng=en&entryid=59dfa1e78f94ac460b0bfada.

"The project is still new, but we are welcoming anyone who wants to utilize this option," Melnychuk said.

Buyers can also use the Canadian Police Information Centre to check if any of the property they purchase has been reported stolen at www.cipc-cpic.ca/index-eng.htm.

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Haliburton County Public Library updates HE council

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

The following are news briefs from Highlands East council's regular council meeting held on regular council meeting on July 12.

The Highlands East council is seeing the full scope of life at the Haliburton County Public Library after a delegation was made at the meeting.

Library CEO, Chris Stephenson reported that two long-time employees have departed and four new individuals have started and are currently being trained. Together, Marilyn Billings and Cathy Passaretti, represented 73 years of combined service at the libraries in Gooderham and Cardiff.

The Gooderham Community Action Group met in late-March and began the process for strategizing how to increase foot traffic to the libraries.

Wilberforce was a pilot branch for the new branch signage. New sandwich board "open" signs have been added to all the branches.

The recent Storytime program in Wilberforce was well attended. It is run in partnership with Early ON. The plan is to continue to build on this successful program. The Summer Reading Program is already underway.

The "January Cure" took place in all branches. It involved getting rid of the old to make room for the new. "It is all part of heading towards modernization for all the libraries," explained Stephenson.

The Friends have added a book sale cart at the Highland Grove branch.

At the Cardiff branch, the Christmas Toy Drive on Dec. 22 2021, was a great success. A total of 32 children were given Christmas gifts and the library was opened after-hours for the event.

Big picture plans

The rebranding/refreshing of the libraries with a new logo and new website, is complete.

"We hope it will tie all the branches together," Stephenson said.

The library has been very happy to work with Biblio Commons, a Canadian company that is the gold standard in many libraries for catalogue search functionality. It allows you to find and reserve books on line and is inte-

grated with the website. "We are really pleased to work with them," added Stephenson.

New staff on board

"Our staff is everything in terms of programs and services. Having a number two deputy to support the leadership team is all part of our secret to success," Stephenson said.

Library board busy "stickhandling" changes

Sally Howson, library board chair, reported that the board has been busy stickhandling through all the various changes, especially with regards to health and safety. "The policies need to be up to date," she said.

The board largely follows those of the County of Haliburton, but sometimes they have to be adapted specifically to the library.

Howson explained that the library board is appointed by Haliburton County Council for a four-year term. With the election later this year, it means the term ends on Nov. 14. There will be a notice sometime in December for community members to apply to the board. Typically, they try to have one community representative from each of the four municipalities.

"If you know someone who might be interested, tell them to watch for the post. I have been on it for four years. It has been an exciting and dynamic time," she said.

Howson continued by thanking Highlands East for all the support.

Annual mid-year report focuses on priorities

In her annual report, that is really a mid-year snapshot at this time, Howson focused on the board's priorities, modernization, collections, technology, physical space and programming.

The report revealed that 6,908 people in Haliburton County had a library card in 2022. A total of 108,443 items have been circulated, including 44,002 digital. The number of visits to the new Kanopy video platform has reached 4,124 and 123 user accounts were created. There are now 51,691 items on the library shelves and 4,820 items were added, approximately 89 new items per week. A total of 5,208 have used the library website this year.

Positive response from council

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall explained that he has been

part of the library board for three or four years and it has made some sizable improvements. He offered a comment to Stephenson, rather than a question: "I think since you came on board, we have a much better vision and clarity. Thank you very much. I look forward to seeing what you do with us and for us. You are just starting to get your training wheels off. You hit the road at 100 miles per hour. Thank you and welcome to Highlands East."

"We are lucky to have staff getting back in pre-pandemic size. Our online services have improved across the county," responded Stephenson.

Councillor Cameron McKenzie offered thanks to Stephenson on behalf of the Central Food Network. "We couldn't have done what we have done without the library," he said. "Your new library sign looks so good my food bank sign looks tacky."

"We hope to open the libraries more for good purposes and programs," Stephenson said.

Heat Bank need increases

The need for help with firewood has really heated up in the past year. While typically, 60 to 65 loads of firewood go out, last year it was 81. This can be attributed to the rising fuel costs and the colder winter.

Heat Bank typically assists 120 households each year. They only take hardwood because of increased fire risk with burning softwood regularly.

Forty-six per cent of the Heat Bank requests for service came from Highlands East, 26 per cent from Minden Hills and 24 per cent from Dysart et al. Forty-two per cent of the clients for Heat Bank services were adults, 32 per cent seniors, and 26 per cent were children.

Service statistics broke all records

During the past year, all CFN service records have been broken. The food banks are currently serving an average of 184 people each month. Cardiff is seeing around 81 visits every month (could include multiple visits by one person) and the Hub, 164 per month.

Community Cooks volunteers have cooked up 1,914 meal servings so far this year. The total for 2021 was 4,208. The total impact of all programs was 2,922 visits/requests and 742 people received help.

Last year, the CFN helped "unlock" \$100,000 on behalf of clients. That means identifying potential funding sources for clients and helping them access those funds by helping them with applications.

"I am super proud that our little program has had such a huge impact locally," Wright-Laking said.

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CanoeFM Radiothon receives \$39,000 in donations

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Thanks to a generous community, CanoeFM's annual Radiothon is being heralded a success despite facing technical challenges related to the country-wide Rogers outage on the first day of the fundraiser.

The 14th annual Radiothon raised close to \$39,000, which was held from July 8 to 10.

Station manager Roxanne Casey said that the station's staff and volunteers were very happy with the results of the Radiothon.

"The community was incredible and the response was huge. There were so many people dropping in or calling to bid on our auction items, and we received so many great comments about the services we provide and our volunteers. All the volunteers love what they do, but it is nice when the community recognizes the importance of community radio," she said.

On Friday, July 8, many Rogers customers were without phone service due to an outage, so they couldn't call in to the Radiothon to donate or bid on auction items.

"The Radiothon started out very slow due to all the issues that Rogers presented us with. People were unable to call in, and we couldn't process payments, which was a bit of a challenge. Our Friday totals were down substantially from other years," Casey said.

Despite this, Saturday and Sunday brought in a large amount of donations.

The event also featured an in-person auction with more than 70 packages to bid on.

Surprise pop-up auction items were meant to be broadcast on the radio on July 8, but CanoeFM decided against using them due to callers being unable to phone in to the station. The remaining items are available for bids at canoeFM.com.

As a not-for profit organization, CanoeFM will use the

funds raised to help pay for operation expenses at the station.

Casey said, "CanoeFM has become an integral part of Haliburton County. We provide a place to showcase a variety of local talent, and we offer volunteer opportunities to every age group."



Radio volunteer Cathy McIlmurray broadcasts during the 100.9 CanoeFM Radiothon fundraiser on Friday, July 8. The event was held from July 8 to July 10 and raised close to \$39,000 for the not-for-profit community radio station. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Love song for Ukraine

Gord Kidd performs during the Ukrainian Refugee Fundraiser concert on Sunday July 3 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Featuring Gord Kidd and Friends, the outdoor afternoon concert helped to raise more than \$4,000 for the Lion's International, who will give the money direct to Ukrainian refugees. This event was presented by the Baha'i Community of Haliburton County and donations were collected by the local Lions Club. /DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton and District Lions Club member Marilyn Frost, from left, accepts a donation from Haliburton resident Margaret Dobzensky during the Ukrainian Refugee Fundraiser concert on Sunday July 3 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The local concert's contribution is part of the \$3 million donated through Lion's International.



Concert goers listen to Gord Kidd and Friends perform at the Ukrainian Refugee Fundraiser concert on Sunday July 3 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton.



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Reliance on connectivity disconnects

WALKING THROUGH THE woods early in the morning, it's clear by the cacaphony of calls by birds that they can communicate as long as they have their voices.

In our high tech world where communication goes beyond our line of sight and the strength of our voices, the demands for connection requirements are met by two corporations. The issue about this dependence came to light when Canadian mobile and internet giant Rogers Communications experienced the national outage on July 8, affecting millions of Canadian residents and businesses, who were left without service to complete purchases with debit cards and E-transfers, access to the internet, complete phone calls and send texts to loved ones and customers.

This outage included many Haliburton County businesses and employees featured in Vivian Collings' story, *Rogers outage causes an onslaught of problems*, who depend on this connectivity. Days of productivity and thousands of dollars were lost.

Even CanoeFM's Radiothon was left behind with callers unable to complete their calls the first day of their three-day fundraiser. While others who work from home remotely were behind in their scheduled timelines of work, service provider Kegel Heating and Cooling lost access to both their internet and phones. Kegel is considering becoming a StarLink customer when it's made available – StarLink is the Elon Musk initiative, which provides global high-speed, low-latency broadband internet in remote and rural locations utilizing a constellation of satellites.

Days after the outage, there were still some 25,000 customers in Toronto area who were still having outage issues and thousands outside the GTA.

From a CBC report, Rogers said the outage was caused by a network system failure following a maintenance update in its core network. Rogers notified customers they would be credited for five days of lost service to compensate for the disruption. There are 11.3 million Rogers subscribers in the Canadian wireless market.

This is the second time the company has experienced a major outage in as

many years.

Concerns about this don't just end with Rogers customers.

Several weeks ago the Derecho storm knocked out Bell's services to customers, leaving people wandering the Village of Haliburton, who hoped for a signal for their smart phones. Also, visitors relying on GPS for navigation needed the assistance of Welcome Centre staff in Head Lake Park to get home.

All of this has added to the anxiety of people, who are reliant on connectivity to find their way, stay in touch with friends and family, but also businesses and for emergency assistance.

It's worth noting in an article posted by MobileSyrup noted how the emergency back up action to enable connection to 911 didn't happen because the cell towers remained functional during the outage. However, customers still did have the option to remove their SIM card to call 911, if needed.

Typically this isn't necessary, but with this scenario it proved to be the case, but it wasn't communicated to the public and left people to find alternate means to communicate, whether with other people's phones or hardlines.

Canada's Innovation, Science and Industry Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne said there would be a CRTC investigation in to the

outage following the Rogers' outage. By July 12, the commission ordered Rogers to answer questions about the outage.

CTV reported on July 15 parliamentarians on the House of Commons Industry and Technology committee voted unanimously to study the Rogers outage with at least two meetings scheduled before July 30.

Although it's been reported that Minister Champagne demanded all of the national communications companies to collaborate and develop agreements to help one another when it comes to emergency roaming and provide improved communication when it comes to outages, that solution will take time.

For the present, the solution is not known and, hopefully, time will bear out a solution. Until then, the public will have to wait and see and can pretty much only hope it doesn't happen again.



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Editorial



Summer reflections

by Darren Lum

Mavis Staples, a force of love

IAM DEDICATING 2022 to love. To paying attention to how my life plays out when I live in a state of being a loving presence. Of noticing what happens when I let love guide my days and my decisions. Feeling what it is like to tune in to the love that is around me and in me. And at the same time, I also pay attention to how my life evolves when I block love, resist love and come from a place of fear, doubt, anger, envy or hatred. It is a daily, often minute by minute observation, readjustment practice.

Some days this awareness is very challenging and frustrating. Other days effortless. I do know life is easier when I am open to give and receive love. Life is easier when I believe that life loves me. I really pay attention when I am in the presence of love and I just soak it in. It could be a sunset, dinner with friends, working in the garden, meditating or any manner of activities. I never take the presence of love for granted. I was in the presence of love when I watched Mavis Staples perform on the main stage on Saturday, July 9 at the Mariposa Folk Festival in Orillia. She turned 83 on July 10. She is a force of love and joy. Mariposa was sold out with 30,000 people in attendance. Mavis is an American rhythm and blues and gospel singer, actress, and civil rights activist. She rose to fame as a member of her family's band, The Staple Singers - she was the last surviving member of that band. She, and her band, came out on to the stage and

thousands of people stood to dance and sing with her. The joy in the air was contagious. One of the songs she sang *I'm just another soldier of the army of love* is from an album called Faith and Grace.

One of the things I love about Mariposa is there are babies, toddlers, teenagers, young adults, adults, seniors and people of all abilities and backgrounds. Everyone is welcome and I have to say everyone works together

to make the event fun and easy. Mavis came on the stage and we all stood together joined by our love of music. For me it was especially heartwarming to see all these young people up at the front of the stage cheering and fully engaged and showing their appreciation for Mavis and the messages she was sending out. She sang her own music and she covered other songs from other artists. As I write this article on a Sunday morning I am

listening to her music and just came across this song ... check it out if you are looking for something beautiful. It is from the 2021 Boston Pops show. It's on YouTube also and is "Mavis Staples sings *You are Not Alone*." Mavis is a force of love, of hope, of faith. Of joy. Just being in the audience as she performed I could feel my heart growing! Love was in the air. Most of the performers at Mariposa sang about how the world needs more love. When I am in the presence of love, I feel open, expansive and grateful. Choose love. Everyday.

Tales from the great



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points of view

The bee's knees

THE OTHER DAY I was mowing the lawn, almost by my own free will too, when without warning a wasp stung the back of the neck.

Apparently, when I ducked under the low branches of one of the trees that edges our lawn, I also passed within about an inch of a large wasp nest. And this made them nervous.

I'll admit I probably over-reacted. But in my defense, I am in the middle of reading a book about US Navy Seals, so I was inspired by tales of swift and decisive actions. What follows then, for posterities sake, is what will from here on in be known as the "Battle of Half Cut Lawn."

1:25 p.m.: I am deployed five yards away from the enemy headquarters (and apparently main barracks) and begin launching missiles from my slingshot at the enemy in retribution.

1:25 and 15 seconds p.m.: After several direct hits an enemy rapid response unit, consisting of approximately 30 angry adversaries, charges my position, causing a rapid tactical retreat. It was at this point in the battle that the historic battle cry "Yikes!" was uttered.

1:27 p.m.: After being stung once more, this time in the hand, and regrouping inside the house, I assess the situation and determine that a counter-attack is in order.

1:28: p.m.: I am redeployed on the battlefield, having learned nothing from the last skirmish. This time, I am positioned on the ridge 10 yards away, softening the target by launching more ball bearings through the semi-shattered nest.

tered nest.

1:28 and one second p.m.: I set a land speed record as I bravely sprint through the front door – which in retrospect would have been easier had it been open at the time.

1:29 p.m.: Despite several tiny knocks on the front door, I do not answer.

1:35 p.m.: After re-evaluating the wasp nest and how their forces are deployed around the nest and then evaluating my hand that got stung – the one that now looks like Mickey Mouse's hand – I decide to end this in a reasonable and decisive fashion. So, I formulate a bold and daring plan that involves a reckless charge, close quarter combat, a really bad idea, and a boat paddle.

1:40 p.m.: As I stand on the high ground with boat paddle in hand overlooking the partially decimated wasp fortification, I realize that the battle is about to end one way or another. I give myself a rousing speech (think Mel Gibson, *Braveheart*) and then charge toward the nest swinging.

1:41 p.m.: I quickly realize swinging a boat paddle is not the same thing as swinging a baseball bat. Luckily, the third swing makes contact.

1:41 and three seconds p.m.: Perhaps "luckily" is not the right word. While a boat paddle is an effective tool to hit a wasp nest with, it is also one that makes them an already irritated creature more irritable – and one, in hindsight, that I would not recommend.

1:41 and five seconds p.m.: The battle cry "Yikes!" once again sounds across the battlefield. When I say, across the battlefield, I mean across the battlefield, during my hasty advance to the rear. The angry wasps are in hot pursuit. I have them right where I want them.

1:43 p.m.: I limp in the house with additional stings, and a sprained and badly swollen knee, look back and mumble, "So, we'll call it a draw then?"

Later, as I sit in the emergency department, it occurs to me no one should go have to go through this kind of torture. There's no need to mow your lawn.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Sam Daniel Gorrie (1856 to 1941) arrived in Haliburton in the late-19th Century and worked as a store keeper. He may have initially worked for or with his brother-in-law, John Faraday Young (circa 1849 to 1896), a prominent Minden/Haliburton merchant. The store, on the south side of Highland Street, which included the farm implement department at the right, was operated by Gorrie until the early 1900s when he built a new store further east. Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum's Kate Butler

letters to the editor

OPP presence needed deter Head Lake Park's vandalism

To the Editor:

This week's report of further vandalism in Head Lake Park (the off-leash dog run) speaks to a policing issue that has yet to be resolved. The yahoos and dimwits who have so easily and wantonly abused our shared recreational spaces do so with impunity. Last September, I wrote a long letter to Dan Collings, the acting staff sergeant (since transferred), voicing concern about the vandalism that had occurred around the bandshell area. An excerpted part of that letter follows:

"As you may recall, I was in touch five or six weeks ago about a weekend concert series that the Highlands Summer Festival presented at the bandshell in Head Lake Park. Prior to that weekend, I and one of the other board members had gone down to the bandshell to do a site inspection and were really alarmed and disgusted at the situation with the metal door that opens into a small utility closet at the back of the stage. The room had been broken into and the door lock destroyed. The concrete slab that the band was going to have to perform on was filthy (cigarette butts, spilled fluids of all kinds, garbage, etc.). It was shortly after that that we learned that someone had broken into the side of the utility room, ripping off the siding to use the closet for accommodation. Remarkable!

I was in Huntsville last week and was shocked

at the contrast I saw at the River Mill Park, located just off the main street and adjacent to the river. That park is a pristine bandstand ... no carving/graffiti/garbage, etc. I spoke to one of the merchants about this refreshing situation and was told that there had been a problem a couple of years ago, but the police made their presence known on a very regular basis and the troubles stopped.

My experience is I very rarely see police in Haliburton in a pro-active capacity. Is it possible to have an ongoing police presence, perhaps on foot in the village? This would surely cut down or eliminate this malicious disregard for public property and perhaps create a bridge between these disaffected individuals and the community."

Further to this, I was in touch with the Dysart et al's treasurer last fall and was told that this municipality's contribution to Haliburton County's OPP costs was 2.1 million dollars a year (2021). That's \$5,753.00 each and every day ... just for Dysart! Surely with that kind of expenditure, we should be able to have an officer and vehicle stationed here.

Sean Pennylegion
Haliburton, ON

Editor's note: OPP Haliburton Highlands acting detachment commander Dan Collings is on leave.

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op-ed

Friends of Grass Lake demanding better plan for condo development

The Harburn Holdings proposal on Grass Lake currently before the Municipality of Dysart represents the largest residential development in the county's and municipality's history. As such, local citizens' group Friends of Grass Lake has concluded that residents deserve a better overall plan for development of the region in which to consider projects of all sizes on a consistent basis.

Other municipalities have established long-term visions for their regions, such as a Green Infrastructure Plan and site alteration by-laws, which provide a more comprehensive perspective on how development should be balanced with concerns for the environment and other considerations. To date, Dysart has taken the approach of approving or rejecting proposals that come forward on an ad hoc basis, instead of having an established vision as to which types of proposals would be acceptable to enable the region to grow in a sustainable manner.

Friends of Grass Lake spokesperson Catherine Swift said, "Continuing to approve or reject projects on a piecemeal basis without a proper vision for the region risks council making knee-jerk decisions that do not serve the long-term interests of Dysart and its citizens. A better approach would be to take a step back and formulate a proper Green Infrastructure Plan and a site alteration by-law, as other municipalities have done, to enable the kind of balanced, responsible development that does not endanger the key assets of the region – its natural beauty, clean lakes and bountiful flora and fauna."

Opposition to the proposed condo development has been growing as its negative impacts on the environment and infrastructure of the Haliburton area become clearer to more and more local residents and cottagers.

Recent media stories have also documented the very negative impact of road runoff on local lakes. Former Highlands resident Cassandra Johannessen, now a doctoral student at Concordia University, has researched the damaging impact of runoff from roads and parking lots as a result of toxic compounds in automobile tires, and received a \$100,000 grant for her work. The proposed Grass Lake development will unnecessarily involve a large building footprint and include several paved parking lots, driveways and greatly increased car traffic, producing even more polluted runoff directly into the Kashagawigamog Lake chain.

"Given all the scientific knowledge that we now have in 2022", Carolyn Langdon of FGL believes "that such large developments need to be set well back from the water regardless of whether a waterfront site is served by a sanitary sewer. The development footprint is just too large for such a marginal piece of land next to a fragile wetland."

Langdon said that "If Dysart would consider a Green Infrastructure Plan (GIP) it could include the remaining wetlands within the town of Haliburton along with parklands, urban forests, protected shorelines and waterways. It would constitute a natural ribbon that would thread through and surround the built environment

and connect the village area to the surrounding countryside. It would deliver untold ecological, recreational and health benefits to people and wildlife for generations to come. This is a project for the next council but it's past time that our local governments started thinking about updating their Official Plans and putting teeth into their environmental clauses."

Ontario's new Bill 109 gives planning staff more responsibility, specifically the authority to approve site plans. Local councils need not lose oversight by putting sound policy and additional plans into place that will guide staff. The Harburn Holdings proposal is not affected by Bill 109 as their application is to change both the Official Plan and the Zoning Bylaw and Bill 109 only gives staff new authority to approve site plans.

No one disputes the urgent need for housing, but to make short-term decisions driven only by this demand while sacrificing the longer-term viability of the region is foolish and serves no one's interests. The role of government is to balance short-term considerations while ensuring longer-term success. As the evidence mounts, it becomes more and more clear that the many negative impacts of a project of the magnitude of the Grass Lake condo proposal is unacceptable and should not be approved.

Submitted by Friends of Grass Lake



Searching for treasure

The Municipality of Dysart et al hosted the New To You Community Yard Sale on July 23 in the parking lot of A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Many residents set up tables where their items were displayed and sold. /GRACE OBORNE



CEO and chief librarian of Haliburton County Public Library, Chris Stephenson, participated in the New To You Community Yard Sale. Stephenson said that the funds from the sale will be put towards running their children's program.

Irv and Cynthia Handler are permanent residents of Haliburton. Irv said that although they've moved up to Haliburton permanently, they are still cleaning out their home in Toronto in order to sell it. Their yard sale included "lifelong accumulation of their treasures."



The Handler's lifelong accumulation of treasures included a record album of A Chorus Line, many books and novels, kitchen utensils, and more. They were also selling cookies for buyers.

The veterinarian industry needs a check-up

A shortage of doctors to treat big farm animals is hurting Haliburton County's agriculture sector

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

Godfrey Tyler is an experienced livestock farmer and knows how to take care of his animals. But he shudders at the thought of experiencing a sudden emergency that even he can't fix and would require a professional vet, such as a bad cow birthing experience, known to farmers as a calf breech.

"I don't know, I'll probably have to shoot animals," he says, with remorse in his voice. "How do you say that to people?"

Tyler, of Waverly Brook Farm in Haliburton Highlands, is willing to paint the grim scene to illustrate the dire problem facing Haliburton County's agricultural community; a lack of readily available veterinarians for farm animals.

The problem means that farmers have to solve problems themselves, even if not comfortable doing so, or pay impractical prices to access a vet from outside the region. Godfrey, and others who spoke to the *Haliburton Echo*, are calling for the provincial government and animal welfare institutions to put more creative thinking into solving what they say is a long-standing problem that affects, not just Haliburton County, but several rural Ontario regions. If not, the livelihoods of livestock farmers – the lifeblood of our food systems – will be at risk.

The loss of service

Before 2021, Haliburton-area farmers had a local vet, who could attend to local emergency calls; Dr. Aimee Coysh Filion of Haliburton Veterinary Services.

But at the start of 2021, she suspended offering on-call services to big animals and limited her practice to in-house visits. In a letter to her clients sent in Nov. 2020, she announced the decision and acknowledged it wasn't an easy one. One of her colleagues was leaving the clinic to return to her family in Ireland. This factor, and a lack of available vets, meant the clinic couldn't continue to offer services to farmers.

"It is unfortunate, but not many veterinarians want to practice mixed animal medicine, or do on-call," she wrote in the letter. "Furthermore, there is a serious lack of veterinarians in our province as a whole, and many clinics have to search for a longer period of time to find one. Due to all of these factors, our situation has reached a point where we need to set new boundaries to ensure that we can continue to give the level of service to which you are accustomed."

Attempts to reach Filion to comment for this story were unsuccessful, however sources who spoke to the *Haliburton Echo* did not blame Filion for the decision.

"What other discipline is available 72 hours a week?" said Gord Mitchell, secretary and treasurer of the Northern Producer Animal Health Network, which is monitoring Haliburton County's vet shortage. "She has to have some time for herself and some time to sleep."

The NPAHN has, for years, been working to address the extraordinary challenge of making a limited number of vets accessible to all farmers, even those who are sprinkled about vast rural regions.

The NPAHN oversees the Veterinary Assistance Program, which gives extra compensation to vets for providing their services to rural farmers in Northern Ontario regions. (Haliburton County is one of the most southern regions covered by the NPAHN) It's worked in different ways since its inception in 1945, but it now provides vets \$1.20 per kilometre they travel to attend a farm for an emergency call. This makes vets services more affordable to farmers, as they only have to pay for the service, and not additional mileage fees.

But if no local vets are participating in the program, as is the case in Haliburton now, then farmers have limited practical options.

Sources who spoke to the *Haliburton Echo* said there are vets from areas such as Bobcaygeon, Peterborough and Muskoka who are willing to travel to Haliburton County farms – however, those options aren't practical if it's a time-limited emergency.

Tyler said he knows vets in Lindsay and Bracebridge who could, theoretically, make the trip to his farm, if needed, but they would charge about \$250 "before I start." Then, they could charge \$2 to \$3 per kilometre as a mileage expense, because they're not part of the VAP (which is meant for northern Ontario regions), he said.

The value of steer in Ontario has hovered around \$226 to \$268 per 100 pounds, recently Tyler pointed out. So,



Haliburton County's agricultural community is facing a dire need for farm animal veterinarians, which means that many animal owners are having to deal with situations on their own. Local farmers are looking for support from the Ontario government. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

mathematically, the cost to provide veterinary services to farm animals isn't near its return on investment if there's a local vet shortage.

That's the stark economic reality. But, of course, Tyler knows there's an additional ethical and emotional component that makes the dilemma even worse.

"Every animal is a part of your life and to lose one is a tragedy itself," he said.

Solutions needed

The shortage of local vets is also affecting Shane Dykstra, a Minden-area farmer, who owns hogs, goats, cows and chickens. But he understands there's challenges to keeping people in the profession.

"Why would you want to be a vet?" he says. "Have you been outside today?"

The quip is in reference to the hot weather, which makes for tough working conditions. Dykstra also said he understood Filion's decision to no longer take emergency calls to local farms. He realizes some vets who are primarily trained to care for pets, are uncomfortable with farm tasks, like castrating pigs. Until Haliburton County sees a new influx of vets, he imagines he'll have to solve problems himself, if he can.

But rather than scoff at the choices individual vets make, he suggests that the Ontario government and its institutions need to come up with creative solutions, as the problem is not about veterinarians themselves.

"It's got to change at the top," he said. "We need to get out there; we need to talk to more and more people."

Dykstra, Mitchell and Tyler all shared that they believe more incentives are needed for veterinarians to

work with livestock farmers. They would like to see the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), part of the University of Guelph, give more training and more encouragement for students to consider working with farm animals.

A 2022 report, titled Examining need, capacity, and barriers to accessing food animal veterinary services in underserved areas of rural Ontario, addresses many of the issues.

It was written by University of Guelph graduate research assistants Minerva Cancilla-Styles and Alexander Boekestyn and it quoted students who spoke to the lack of training they received on large animals. One quote from an anonymous student said, "there is a lot of great theoretical large animal knowledge taught at OVC, but we are not given the tools to actually practice large animal veterinary."

Mitchell pointed out another factor in the large animal vet shortage is the fact that opening a practice to serve pets is perceived as far more lucrative.

"Young veterinarians are told they can command six figures, working two or three days a week," he said.

Given all this, local farmers are looking for the Ontario government for support. They're calling on Premier Doug Ford to work more with farmers to understand the issue, especially in rural riding, where vets are few and far between.

"It's not a Haliburton story," said Tyler. "It's a policy story and it's a policy failure story."

"We're so far in the mud; it would take the courage of the Minister of Northern Development or Minister of Agriculture to put up the money to have a vet present in our community."

HCDC Incubator open for businesses

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) renewed Incubator space is giving the necessary tools and support to fledgling local businesses so they can soar to success.

HCDC recently refurbished their Creative Business Incubator space for the summer with ideas from Haliburton School of Art + Design's Integrated Design class.

The Business Incubator is a rentable space on 710 Mountain Street in Haliburton that provides access to fibre optic broadband WiFi service for entrepreneurs in Haliburton County and features both a co-working space with new furniture and a meeting room.

The space's re-imagination was part of a class project undertaken by the Integrated Design class. The concept was turned into reality when HCDC hired Integrated Design student Kat Schouten as incubator coordinator through funding provided by EcoCanada.

"Right now, we know that there are a lot of folks who need more consistent and reliable access to the internet, both as employees and business owners. In addition, this space is helping bring remote workers together. While they co-work, they can meet others that they wouldn't normally cross paths with in their day to day," Schouten said.

The exterior of the building received a fresh coat of paint while the interior was refurbished with new furniture.

"One of our major goals this summer was to make the exterior of the building feel refreshed, eye-catching, and welcoming to folks who want to come to the



Jenn Wanless-Craig, Barr Gilmore, and Terry Craig socialize at Haliburton County Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce's Mix It Up Monday Mixer event for community members that work from home at the HCDC Business Incubator on Monday, June 27 in Haliburton. Entrepreneurs in Haliburton County are able to book the newly-reimagined space to gain access to fibre optic broadband WiFi service and desks to work from. /VILLIAN COLLINGS

incubator to co-work or learn more about starting a business," Schouten said.

The main goal of the rejuvenation of

the Business Incubator is to encourage the community to use the space and to allow the Incubator to help businesses grow and thrive.

HCDC also plans to develop programming to help foster new businesses.

"We know that starting a business is hard, and in this phase of the pandemic, we want to make sure that we are making the right decisions rooted in the needs of folks directly in Haliburton County," Schouten said.

HCDC has been working collaboratively on this project with both the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the County Economic Team. So far, bookings have been successful.

"This summer, folks who have rented the meeting room have been very excited for the opportunity to join video calls, host in-person meetings, and use the internet for important Zoom presentations," Schouten said.

They are excited to now be welcoming rentals of the space, and HCDC hopes that the Incubator space will be able to help local businesses long into the future.

"In the long run, we want the Incubator to be the go-to place for new entrepreneurs to launch their business in Haliburton County with both access to affordable space and access to business guidance customized to local entrepreneurs."

Schouten is excited to find more community partners to add some art pieces to the walls and bring colour to the space.

On June 27, a Mix it Up Monday Mixer was held at the Business Incubator for people in Haliburton County who work from home to have a chance to mingle with each other and visit the space.

At the event, executive director of HCDC Patti Tallman thanked the large crowd for attending.

She said, "We have had the Incubator since 2010, and during COVID, it sort of went to sleep. Heather [Reid] has taken it upon herself, along with Kat, to revitalize it and bring it back to life and create some

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Program and operations coordinator at Haliburton County Development Corporation Heather Reid speaks at the HCDC and Chamber of Commerce Mix It Up Monday Mixer event for community members that work from home held at the HCDC Business Incubator on Monday, June 27.

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Weekend ATV patrols arrive at Rail Trail

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Staff Reporter

If you're planning to use the Haliburton County Rail Trail this summer, you can expect to see orange-vested volunteer wardens on patrol.

The Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) and the County of Haliburton have teamed up with the Kawartha ATV Association (KATVA) to implement trail wardens along the Haliburton County Rail Trail (HCRT) to promote ATV safety as of July 1.

In a prepared statement to the Times, director of public works for the County of Haliburton Robert Sutton, president of HATVA Joel Bockneck, and president of KATVA Carolyn Richards said, "During the annual review of the land use agreements between Kawartha and Haliburton ATV Associations and the County of Haliburton, it was noted that the volume of all types of users has increased on the trail steadily each year ... HATVA and KATVA met with the County of Haliburton staff and agreed that it would be beneficial to all trail users as well as the residents of the County to try the trail patrols for a one-year trial period."

All trail wardens are volunteers who travel along ATV trails and stop riders to check for valid trail passes, check licence plates, and educate riders about ATV safety on weekends.

Volunteer trail wardens are able to educate riders rather than enforce, so in difficult circumstances, they are required to pass the situation along to appropriate authority.

Trail warden for KATVA Greg Arkwright said, "If a rider takes off on us or becomes argumentative, we will let them leave, but we will take down some of the information or take a photo of the [ATV] to pass it along to the patrol coordinators who will then pass it along to police or by-law officers."

So far, there are no trail wardens from Haliburton County, so KATVA will lend some of their 30 wardens to travel north of Kinmount to patrol the HCRT.

"When patrolling the trails, they are first and foremost trail ambassadors promoting safety and education to all trail users including motorized and non-motorized. They are there to answer questions trail users may have and to educate users on the rules of the trails," said the statement.

Trail users can expect to see wardens wearing orange vests and travelling in teams of at least two.

The prepared statement said, "They will be stopping ATV riders and checking them for valid trail passes as required by the county by-laws."

On Sunday, July 10, two KATVA trail wardens patrolled the boundary of the HCRT and the Victoria Rail Trail just north of Kinmount.

Arkwright was one of the volunteers on duty on July 10 and said wardens help to uphold safety standards on the trail.

"With the increased number of [trail patrol] riders in our area, we see very few, if any, accidents on our trails. The riders know we are out there, so for the most part, they are following the rules," he said.

Richards said bylaw and provincial regulations governing trail use can be confusing, so the goal of trail wardens is to bridge the educational gap for trail users.

"We have seen an average of a 20 per cent increase in trail use every year for the last five years, but we haven't seen the same increase in accidents on the trails," she said.



Trail patrollers Chris Pellow, left, and Greg Arkwright patrolled the border of the Haliburton County Rail Trail and the Victoria Rail Trail north of Kinmount during their shift on Sunday, July 10. Patrollers will be travelling along the Haliburton County Rail Trail this summer to promote safety and check for valid trail passes. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Richards explained that it will take some time to see the same results on the HCRT because it hasn't been patrolled by volunteer wardens in a number of years.

For current KATVA trail wardens, the experience has been fulfilling.

"I want to be involved in helping make sure that the club runs, the trails are looked after, and that the trails are safe. I want to make sure that our name is out there because right now in City of Kawartha Lakes, there are a few people pushing against us, so we want to make sure our name is out there in a positive way," Arkwright said.

Chris Pellow, the other patroller on duty on July 10, has been patrolling with KATVA for four years and said

he loves to be outside on patrol days and wants to make sure that the trails can be safely enjoyed by everyone.

As outlined on the KATVA website, the two ATV associations have a reciprocal agreement to "permit each association's members trail privileges in their respective municipalities," which means that each association recognizes a rider with a trail permit of the other as valid.

So far, sending educational patrollers to the Haliburton County Rail Trail is a pilot project.

"This is a one-year trial project and will become a long-term part of the trail stewardship plan for both KATVA and HATVA if successful," said the statement.

Incubator serving to meet needs

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more synergies in here, see what we can do, meet people, and bring entrepreneurial benefits to yourselves as well as the community."

For more information about the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator and how to book the space, visit www.haliburtoncdc.ca/business-incubator/.

HCDC program and operations coordinator Heather Reid concluded the event by explaining her excitement

for the revamp of the Business Incubator.

"This summer is really about animating the space and being an outreach to the community. We've sort of taken a guess that a co-working space, a meeting space, and really focusing on the access to high-speed [internet] for the summer would attract users. The second half is for Kat to be getting out and talking to local businesses to find out what they are looking for. It's been really exciting over the last few months to coordinate what we have to offer."

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Huskies run it back

The Haliburton Huskies players endure the "Beep Test" - an endurance running workout - during the fitness test day on Saturday, July 9 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The team's players participated in a variety of activities to test strength, stamina and agility. The team's coaching staff uses the series of fitness tests from the day to establish a baseline of understanding for each player, which can be used for development purposes. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Haliburton Huskies players and the coaching staff watch Colin Glecoff, who is an affiliate player of the Highlands perform pullups during the fitness test day.



Huskies defenceman Easton Penna shows the effort while benchpressing.



Huskies veteran player Lucas Stevenson is the last one running in the "Beep Test."



Huskies defenceman Owen Davies shows the effort on the airbike during the fitness test day on Saturday, July 9 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.



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North Pigeon Lake \$899,000

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- Fully Winterized, Newly Built Bunkie
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NEW PRICE



Adele Barry
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NEW PRICE



Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Kushog Lake \$985,000

- 1200 sq ft cottage on desirable Kushog Lk
- 3 bed 1 bath + bunkie
- Spacious sun porch w/ fantastic view of lk
- Easy access off year round municipal road



NEW PRICE



Andy Campbell
854-0292

Acreage & Building Lot for \$549,000

- 98 acres north of Carnarvon
- 3300 feet Hwy 35 frontage
- Driveway in, site cleared
- Financing may be available to qualified buyer



Gloria Carnochan* & Brean Budel*
754-1932

Percy Lake \$775,000

- 2.19 acre parcel with 155 ft frontage
- Southwest exposure
- Underground Hydro & Driveway installed
- Year Round Municipal Road



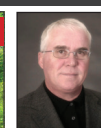
Mark Dennys*
457-0473

Haliburton Condominium \$739,900

- 1236 Sq Ft, 3rd Flr, 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, A/C
- Large Balcony w/ Entertainment Space/Views
- Head Lake (5 Lake Chain), Move-in Ready
- Underground Parking, Close to Walking Trails



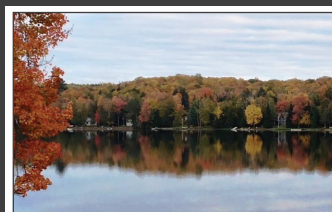
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Tom Ecclestone*
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Gull Lake \$1,299,000

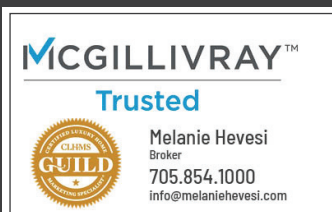
- 4 bedroom / 1 Bathroom, 1100+ SqFt
- Insulated Bunkie at Waters' Edge
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- Oversized 30 x 24 Garage



Lindsay Elder*
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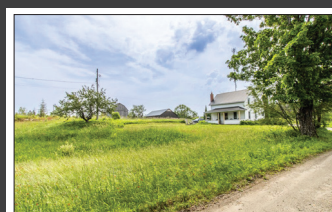
NEW LISTING



Susanne James* & Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 133

Miskwabi Lake \$1,599,900

- 4-Season custom Viceroy
- Over 2700 sq. ft on three levels
- Deep clean shoreline, western exposure
- Awesome 2-lake chain, Municipal road access



Ashley McKeigue
705-854-1833

McCrea Farm \$1,150,000

- 98-acre farm just 15 mins from Haliburton
- Lrg barn, stone foundation, fenced pastures
- New 1500 SQ FT shop with 2 bay doors
- Updated 3 bdrm home with stunning views



Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Loon Lake \$1,150,000

- 4 season, 2+1 bedroom home or cottage
- Updated throughout with stunning landscaping
- 1,750 SQ FT garage or shop w/ separate driveway
- Large dock across the road with great lake access



Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Green Lake \$699,000

- 6 Bedroom, 2 bath, 4000+ sq. ft.
- Southern Exposure
- Ctg on 3-Lk Chain, Green, Maple & Pine Lk
- Lovely Walk-In Waterfront



NEW LISTING



Karen Nimigon*
457-6505

Long Lake \$1,350,000

- 6 Bedroom, 2 bath, 1100 sq. ft.
- Southern Exposure
- 20x20 waterfront patio area w/2 docks
- Year-Round Road, 15 mins to Haliburton



Kelly Kay*
705-457-5841
Kirsten Rae*
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Haliburton Condo \$779,000

- Luxurious waterfront condo in Haliburton
- 1117 sq ft, 2 bath, 2 bedrooms plus den/office
- Many upgrades plus incredible water views from every room!



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Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Buckskin Lk \$599,000

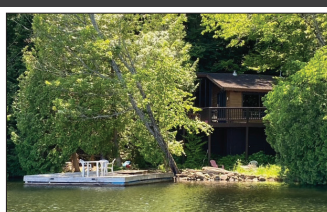
- 3 Bdrm Cottage
- Needs TLC
- 182ft of Owned Shore
- Next to Crown Land



Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

Kushog Lake \$1,799,000

- 3 Bdrm/1 Bath, 1,550 Sq Ft
- 500ft of Water Frontage
- Lrg Deck w/ Lake View
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Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Loon Lake \$499,000

- 2 Bdrm / 1Bath, 500 sqft
- 187 feet of Very Clean Waterfront
- Sits on 1.273 Acres
- Water Access Only



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

Black Lake \$1,100,000

- 1.7-acre parcel with 225 feet of frontage
- 2-bedroom cottage with ideal footprint
- 2 car garage with year-round apartment
- Stunning sunsets with due west exposure



Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 225

Canning Lake \$3,500,000

- Executive Waterfront Home or Cottage
- 400' waterfront with over 2 acres
- Double Garage, Guest Cottage, Wet slip Boathouse
- 4 bedroom, 3 baths, 3000+ sq ft.



Andrea Wilson**
705-457-6694

Haliburton Home \$745,000

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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Influential Swedish, Belgian clan
 - 6. Swiss river
 - 9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
 - 13. Like coagulated milk
 - 14. Lima is its capital
 - 15. Lying down
 - 16. Jai __, sport
 - 17. Egyptian statesman
 - 18. Napoleon Dynamite’s uncle
 - 19. Renovated
 - 21. Chadic language
 - 22. 18-year period
 - 23. Beverage container
 - 24. Natural logarithm
 - 25. The “mecca” of basketball
 - 28. A way to darken
 - 29. Mackerels
 - 31. Actor Pitt
 - 33. Places to buy seafood
 - 36. True firs
 - 38. Neither
 - 39. Fencing sword
 - 41. Italian pastas
 - 44. Island nation close to the U.S.
 - 45. Begets
 - 46. Resembles a pouch
 - 48. __ student, learns healing
 - 49. Sodium
 - 51. Indicates position
 - 52. The world has one
 - 54. Partner to pains
 - 56. Photographer
 - 60. Chew the fat
 - 61. Culture of the British Iron Age
 - 62. Weaverbird
 - 63. Advice or counsel
 - 64. Asian nation
 - 65. Brought on board
 - 66. German river
 - 67. Airborne (abbr.)
 - 68. Leaf-footed bug genus
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Mark left behind
 - 2. Cry weakly
 - 3. Ancient region in modern Syria
 - 4. Farewell
 - 5. Blue grass state
 - 6. Genus of mosquitoes
 - 7. S. Israeli city
 - 8. You can get stuck in one
 - 9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably
 - 10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
 - 11. Tigers legend Fielder
 - 12. Make more attractive
 - 14. Horses
 - 17. Slight projection in typefaces
 - 20. Male parent
 - 21. Jack and Jill are two
 - 23. After B
 - 25. Licensed for Wall Street
 - 26. Missile with about 600-mile range
 - 27. Goddesses
 - 29. A day kids love
 - 30. Oily secretion
 - 32. One-tenth of a meter
 - 34. A father’s male child
 - 35. One point east of southeast
 - 37. Silk garments
 - 40. Cool!
 - 42. The color of anger
 - 43. Trade profession
 - 47. It can get you around
 - 49. Mother-of-pearl
 - 50. Hurt
 - 52. Legendary slugger Hank
 - 53. Polio vaccine developer
 - 55. Incline from vertical
 - 56. Sea creature
 - 57. Actress Kate
 - 58. Affirmative votes
 - 59. Nothing
 - 61. Pie __ mode
 - 65. Expresses surprise

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A special performance called *The Birds* by Les Chasseurs de Rêves will be presented by Razzamataz Kids’ Shows! at the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival. The show is described to be where puppet birds are ridden by attired stilt walkers and perform a beautifully choreographed dance. Photo by Jeff Malo

Long-awaited Haliburton art and craft festival returns to Head Lake Park

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

Finding the full breathe of art that is inspired by the Highlands is coming to Head Lake Park this week.

On Friday, July 22 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday July 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and July 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre will showcase its 59th Annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival at Head Lake Park.

Due to a pandemic hiatus, this will be the first time that the annual summer event will take place since 2019.

The gallery’s curator and executive director, Laurie Jones, is encouraging residents to visit, not only to support local artists and their work, but to experience a festival that holds purpose.

“It’s a curated open air festival experience that has three purposes: One is to create a space where artists and artisans can meet, show their work, and sell their work directly to the to the public. Two, is to educate and give a live demonstration of what excellence and creativity is, and three is to help people understand the value of handmade. To give them the opportunity to touch things, and to perhaps start a collection that they had never thought of doing before, or to get something that means something to them,” Jones said.

Jewellery, sculptures, woodwork, visual art, and fashion are just a few forms of art that will be presented at the festival by the 75 artists and artisans.

Visitors can expect to see a few vendors will be producing clever and distinctive outdoor art made from steel and reclaimed metals and reclaimed objects.

“One artist uses cars and canoes, car hoods and car doors and another artist uses farm equipment. They are quite stunning pieces,” Jones said.

The festival will feature a special performance called *The Birds* by Les Chasseurs de Rêves. This being presented by Razzamataz Kids’ Shows!, a local non-profit, volunteer group that has brought live entertainment to Haliburton County for more than 25 years.

The show will be live on both Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m., where puppet

birds are ridden by attired stilt walkers, and follow their tamer in a beautifully choreographed dance and walk-around of the festival’s grounds.

Programmer for Razzamataz Kids’ Shows!, Nicole Stewart, said that since the show is new to the festival this year, it will be exciting and unexpected.

“It’s something entirely new and exciting that we’re bringing here, that we’ve not done before. I think it’s going to be something that people will be quite surprised to see but they’re going to like it,” Stewart said.

The show has been designed to match with the workings and momentum of the festival, which is what makes the show unique.

“It’s not going to be a sit-down show. We’ve designed it so that it fit really well with the festival, in that you’ve got a lot of people sort of stopping by and mingling to see what’s happening. Some may not stay the whole time, but they’ll definitely be able to get a flavor for the show,” explained Stewart.

The annual festival is a fundraiser in support of Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre community arts programming.

“This festival brings in a substantial portion of our operating income. Of course, the funds are to support Rails End Gallery, but it’s part of our core. Our core mission is to present things like this in public space. We wouldn’t be what we are today without all these artists,” said Jones.

Entry is by donation and can be performed in various ways. In fact, the gallery has a new tap to pay system which is wireless and works with credit, debit, and mobile wallets. Donations are \$5 per tap. Cash donations can be any amount.

Rails End Gallery is utilizing social media to provide more information about the Art and Craft Festival. Pictures and more information about the event’s vendors can be found @haliburtonartandcraft on Instagram. Jones is encouraging artists and individuals who will be at the festival, to use the hashtag #haliburtonartandcraft to exhibit pictures from the week-end-long event.

For more information on the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival visit railsend-gallery.com/haliburton-art-and-craft.

Opera is alive and well and is coming to Haliburton

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

As rare as a warm day in February, the Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) brings the world of opera to Haliburton County, lifting our spirits and treating our eyes, ears, and hearts to voices like angels and the type of music rarely performed in cottage country.

Due to COVID, last summer HOS performed their concerts virtually. This year, 17 artists will perform live and fans are thrilled.

"We are super excited," Valerie Kuinka, general director (HOS) said. "So many of our young professionals have been cooped up in their small city accommodations. Having the opportunity to be in Haliburton, breathe the fresh air, get back to what they feel their life mission is and share that with the community has them bursting with gratitude."

Part of their excitement is the performance of two new Canadian BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) operas developed and presented in partnership with Loose Tea Music Theatre, Toronto. Listed as Canadian Stories told through Opera – Inertia and *The Museum of the Lost and Found* will be performed on Aug. 18 and 20.

Following almost two years of online teaching, Richard Margison, HOS artistic director said, "it's hard to express the joy and sense of freedom to be back to one-on-one in-person teaching and enjoying the glory of the human voice live! It's a special treat for the audience to come to a Masterclass – essentially a vocal lesson in public where the singer performs and learns in a safe environment." (Presented on July 28, 29, 30.)

"On Aug. 3, we're bringing back our

popular, *From Opera to Broadway* show featuring well known musical theatre selections and familiar operatic arias," Kuinka said. "And, on Aug. 6, there's *Pop Goes the Opera!* with a different mix of opera and musical theatre favourites."

HOS is also introducing an operetta concert, *A Night at the Operetta*, on Aug. 9. "It's something that patrons have been asking for," Kuinka said. "It's a light opera genre with selections from operas like, Gilbert and Sullivan, and Merry Widow."

The biggest challenge for HOS is housing in Haliburton for their participants.

"We have all health protocols in place and take every precaution to be safe for ourselves and others," Kuinka said.

On Aug. 11, HOS presents *Celebrating Diversity* featuring the power and beauty of music created by Canadian BIPOC artists, past and present.

The big opera this summer is *Eugene Onegin* by Tchaikovsky, in support of Ukraine.

"*Eugene Onegin* is one of the most beautiful and empowering love stories within the general literature and operatic version. The music is gorgeous and it's a great vehicle for the singers," Kuinka said.

Having never presented a Russian or Slavic opera, HOS chose *Onegin* last fall. Then Russia attacked Ukraine, which hit Kuinka hard, as her heritage is Ukraine and HOS determined to donate a portion of ticket sales for *Onegin* to Ukraine.

Audiences can also enjoy three pay-what-you-can community events, *Why Choose Opera?* (Aug. 1), *Music on the Bay* (Aug. 13), and *Casual Song Soirée* (Aug. 15).

For tickets see highlandsoperastudio.com. For questions/help call 1-855-455-5533.

Celebrations of life post COVID-19

The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion have had the honour of serving the families of our community by providing refreshments for "Celebrations of Life" for local families (for either permanent residents or cottagers).

Many families have lost loved ones during the past several years and not been able to celebrate the lives of their loved ones due to COVID restrictions. Now that restrictions have been lifted it is time to gather together to celebrate the lives of those they have lost over the past two or so years. It has also allowed the Ladies Auxiliary members to get together for the first time since March 13, 2020 in comradeship and in service to the community after such a long hiatus.

Celebrations of Life are unique to the family concerned.

The first one we did was for a mother. It was in Gooderham at the McCausland Community Centre. It is always a joy to work in that kitchen as it is so well organized and maintained. The celebration was very fitting for a mother, who is loved by her family and friends. The tables were placed apart with all the appropriate safeguards in place. Fresh daffodils adorned the tables and the plates and napkins were done in a spring theme to lift the occasion.

The next one was for a son who passed long before his time. A wonderful gathering of family and friends at the Essonville

Historical Church and a lunch at Branch 624 followed. The turnout was amazing and a real tribute to the family. Fresh red carnations adorned the tables giving a vibrant feel to the room. Shared memories are important to all present and help to give closure to the family.

The next Celebration of Life was a musical tribute by family and friends. I don't think I have ever been so moved by such a tribute to a loved one. The music brought joy and lots of stories also filled the room. There are two more scheduled Celebrations of Life coming up.

One of them is being held by the person herself who wishes to be present at their own party to say what they want to say to their loved ones. I think this approach is amazing and I am looking forward to the different side of this coin. "Doing it my way" as Frank Sinatra would say and I say "good on ya." Maybe more people would like to follow this example and be there to say, "Goodbye" to those they love in their own way.

No regrets! Losing loved ones is never easy but gathering together to share memories with folks you have not seen in some time is good for the soul. To all those in our community, thank you for allowing us to share these celebrations with you.

Respectfully,
The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 624
Wilberforce



NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the positions listed below must be made on the prescribed form (Form 1) and **must** include signatures of **at least 25 persons** (eligible electors within your municipality) endorsing the nomination on the prescribed form (Form 2) (**School Board Trustees are excluded from the 25 signature requirement**). Nomination forms are available at your local municipal Clerk's Office or on the municipality's website. All Nomination forms must be filed, either in person or by your agent, with the Clerk/Returning Officer of the appropriate municipality during normal office hours between May 2, 2022 to Thursday, August 18, 2022, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day).

The required filing fee for the Head of Council is \$200.00 and all other offices are \$100.00, cash, debit, certified cheque or money order made payable to the appropriate municipality, and must accompany the signed forms. Full details on the procedures to be followed may be obtained from the appropriate Municipal Clerk. Please call the appropriate office to schedule an appointment to file your nomination.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR WHICH PERSONS MAY BE NOMINATED:

Township of Algonquin Highlands	Municipality of Dysart et al
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Returning Officer – Dawn Newhook	Returning Officer – Mallory Bishop
Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Tel: 705-489-2379 www.algonquinhighlands.ca Email: dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca	Municipality of Dysart et al 135 Maple Avenue P.O. Box 389 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 Tel: 705-457-1740 www.dysartetel.ca Email: mbishop@dysartetel.ca
Municipality of Highlands East	Township of Minden Hills
MAYOR (1) COUNCILLOR (1) Ward 1 (1) Ward 2 (1) Ward 3 (1) Ward 4 (1)	MAYOR (1) DEPUTY MAYOR (1) COUNCILLOR (1) At Large (1) Ward 1 (2) Ward 2 (1) Ward 3 (1)
Returning Officer – Robyn Rogers	Returning Officer – Trisha McKibbin
Municipality of Highlands East 2249 Loop Road P.O. Box 295 Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0 Tel: 705-448-2981 www.highlandseast.ca Email: rogers@highlandseast.ca	Township of Minden Hills 7 Milne Street P.O. Box 359 Minden, ON K0M 2K0 Tel: 705-286-1260 Toll Free: 1-844-277-1260 www.mindenhills.ca Email: elections@mindenhills.ca

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Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, Township of Dysart et al	Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, City of Oshawa or a local Municipal Clerk/Returning Officer within Sector 1.
Returning Officer – Mallory Bishop	The County of Haliburton Local Municipal Clerk(s)/Returning Officer(s) and municipal contact information is above.
Municipality of Dysart et al 135 Maple Avenue P.O. Box 389 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 Tel: 705-457-1740 Email: mbishop@dysartetel.ca Website: www.dysartetel.ca	Or City Clerks Services: City of Oshawa 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, ON Toll Free: 1-800-667-4292 Phone: (905) 436-3311 Email: clerks@oshawa.ca Website: www.oshawa.ca

Summer sounds

Singer Jess Knights performs for an audience, who were willing to tolerate the light shower at the Music in the Park concert on Tuesday, July 5 at the band shell in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Knights performed with Nicholas Russell at the ongoing weekly concert series on Tuesday evenings at the bandshell from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff



Nicholas Russell performs at the Music in the Park concert.

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Municipality of Dysart et al Notice of Proposed Sale of Municipal Land

Take notice that the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al intends to pass a by-law to dispose of certain lands that have been declared as surplus described in Schedule "A" hereto;

And further notice that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands to Gary Burch;

And further notice that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 19th day of July, 2022;

And further take notice that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting on the 26 th day of July, 2022;

Dated at Haliburton and published this 11th day of July, 2022.

Mallory Bishop, Clerk
705-457-1740 x631
mbishop@dysartet.al.ca

Schedule "A"

Part Lot 12, Concession 9, further described as Part Lot 23, RP 19R-2953 in the geographic township of Dysart (Between lots 138 and 178 on Mallard Road in Industrial Park)

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Summer's kiss to theatre

Algernon Moncrief, played by Andrew Case, seals his engagement with a kiss to Cecily Cardew, Hannah Klose, in the Highlands Summer Festival production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. The classic period piece from the late-1800s satirizes the manners of Victoria England. *The Importance of Being Earnest* continues at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion until July 26. For more information see www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca. Photograph by Lorne Campbell



Gwendolen Fairfax and Cecily Cardew, played by Amy Leis and Hannah Klose respond in unison when they learn that their two suitors are willing to change their names in order to win their hands in marriage. The scene appears near the conclusion of the Highlands Summer Festival's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Photograph by Lorne Campbell.

Midnight Madness, a summer tradition returns

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This summer has brought on a sense of normalcy to our village and included in that is the return of one of the BIA's signature events.

Midnight Madness is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, July 29 and come out to the best street party in town.

Set to take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Highland Street, the road will be closed to vehicular traffic (from

Cedar Avenue to Maple Avenue) and open to live music, sales, food and free banana splits.

This popular night never fails to disappoint and this year is expected to be no different.

On hiatus since 2019, Midnight Madness is a long standing Haliburton tradition and an opportunity to see your neighbours, have some fun and support your local businesses.

Gord Kidd and Friends will have you tapping your toes and dancing in the street. Make your way up to the centre of the action for the Beef on a Bun fundraiser provided by the Rotary Club of Haliburton. And of course you won't want to miss a free banana split, given out while supplies last.

One of the main attractions of the evening is Bex in Motion, who will be bringing to Haliburton a brand new act. This family friendly show never disappoints and this year will be no different!

Introduced in 2019, the Prize Pass will also be returning, giving you an opportunity to win one of many amazing prizes donated by our wonderful BIA businesses, including Glecoff's Family Store, Country Pick-in's, Delancey Sports, Skin Tech Face and Body Care, Outdoors Plus, Shoppers Drug Mart and many more.

Camexicanus offerings

Camexicanus and Backroad Arts Collective has a summer full of camps and adventures planned all throughout Ontario. This summer we are doing programming from Grand Bend all the way up to Wawa! Here in Haliburton County, we have an offering in Wilberforce from Aug. 8 to 12. Then from Aug. 15 to 19 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum and the final day camp of the summer is Aug. 22 to 26 in Minden. To finish the summer off with a bang, the last weekend in August we will be hosting a youth arts and music festival in Haliburton. We hope that you can join us for a summer full of adventure, art and tons of fun! For more information find us on social media, www.camexicanus.ca or email us: info@camexicanus.ca.

Submitted by Camexicanus

Simply pick up a prize pass in the days leading up to Midnight Madness or at the event from any downtown retailer and visit five BIA businesses. Your pass is then eligible for the draw at the end of the night to win one of the prizes.

The Haliburton BIA board has been working tirelessly to bring back their popular events and is excited to see the streets lined with smiling faces and entertainment.



Notice (Applicant -Sadiqai/Akbari)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Tamarack Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 25, Concession 3, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 3 on Plan 19R-10644 made by **P.A. Miller Surveying Ltd., completed October 26, 2021**.

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 12th day of July, 2022.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
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rrogers@highlandseast.ca
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Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., a By-law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of lot 16, Concession 5, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on Plan of Survey 19R-10637 made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc., completed January 5, 2022**.

The Plan of Survey 19R-10637 is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

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Many Canadians think they're being environmentally conscious by recycling their plastics, but the truth is less than 10 per cent of plastics are recycled. Fifty per cent of single-use plastic water bottles, for example, go to landfills, where each bottle takes half a century to break down. Plastics never biodegrade, but instead break down into microplastics, which are found all over the world, including in the deepest parts of the ocean to the highest peak on Mount Everest. As plastics degrade, they release toxins. Even if single-use plastic water bottles manage to avoid landfills, they may be shipped to other countries, burned for fuel, or dumped.

Plastics also contribute to the climate crisis due to their fossil fuel-based supply chain. When making plastics, the extraction and transportation of fossil fuels emits many millions of metric tons of carbon dioxide—a greenhouse gas that causes global warming. It takes the equivalent of nine plastic water bottles to create the plastic for one bottle of water. According to the Water Footprint Network, it takes about 1.4 gallons (5.3 liters) of water to produce a typical single-use water or soda bottle.

On average, although many bottled water companies use filtered tap water to fill their bottles, bottled water often has twice the amount of microplastic in it than tap water does, according to a study at Fredonia State University in New York. Often the type of microplastics found are the type of plastic used in the lids of the bottles. Bottled water companies don't have to conduct tests or inform consumers where their water originates, according to an article published in 2020 by [cleanwateraction.org](https://www.cleanwateraction.org).

Although extraction for water bottling comprises less than one per cent of total groundwater withdrawals, bottled water, unlike water used for other purposes, does not return to the local ecosystem from which it was taken (Rutherford 2004). Although documented instances in which groundwater quantity and quality have suffered because of over-exploitation are few in Ontario, there are observable trends elsewhere in Canada which show a negative trend in aquifer levels over a period of 40 years, attributable to increased population growth and residential, commercial, and industrial development (Council of Canadian Academies).

Most bottled water is sold in plastic No. 1, also known



The Highlands East Environment Committee recommends using stainless steel for water over plastic. Photo by Andrew Von Zuben, member of Highlands East Environment Committee

as polyethylene terephthalate (PET). Research shows that PET may be an endocrine disruptor, altering our hormonal systems. Bottled water that has been exposed to high temperatures or stored for an extended period may not be safe to consume due to chemicals called phthalates that could be absorbed.

Alternatives? Reusable water bottles made from stainless steel are the best way to reduce the amount of plastic bottle waste and it could save you hundreds of dol-

lars a year.

If your well water tastes bad, it may be because the water absorbs earth elements like sulfur, which oxidizes and produces a rotten odour. Sulfur and other bad tastes in well water can be mitigated by using a household well water filter.

Tip of the week, submitted by Susan Hay, Highlands East Environment Committee

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our wonderful Jim. A great man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to so many. Predeceased by his parents Nellie Boulton and James Misener. He was a devoted husband to Christine Brown caring father to Mari-Lynn and Gary Plummer Jim and Reema Misener Earl and Jamie Misener. Caring grandfather to all his grand-kids Justin and Tarah Mike and Hanna Kevin Matt Jen Lindsay and Nathan. Survived as well by his close friend and mother of his children Marilyn. He was a trailblazer dealmaker a successful businessperson investor and a philanthropist. Jim loved working and was willing to slow down but unwilling to retire. He was a wealth of trusted knowledge experience and know-how. He enjoyed the outdoors observing wildlife going fishing especially with his FUBAR fishing club and was a great supporter of local conservation efforts. Jim adored spending time with Christine as they travelled between Barbados Haliburton Spain and Florida each year. Family and friends were always welcome. Anywhere anytime. He is also the reason Amazon is doing so well. Packages are still arriving to this day. Together we will finish what he started. We have been left with big shoes to fill. We lost our living legend and he will be truly missed. For his friends in Haliburton an open house will be held on July 30th from 2pm to 5pm at the family cottage in celebration of his life. Contact a family member if you need more information. As an expression of sympathy donations can be made in his name to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

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Dysart cool to request for lakeside sheds

Councillors want to protect shoreline

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

The issue of shoreline building setbacks dominated the morning agenda at Dysart et al's council meeting last week. Drew Miller, representing Moose and Eagle Lakes, presented council with a petition of cottagers who want to be able to build structures on the shoreline for storage purposes.

"From my understanding, it's a big issue with people," Miller told council.

Miller was careful not to advocate "boathouses", aware that it's a contentious notion among those who want to preserve the shoreline's natural integrity.

Instead, Miller stressed that there are cottagers who merely want small structures to store items near the shoreline. With an aging population on the lakes, Miller said that it is increasingly difficult for seniors to make the trek back to their cottages to load their boats.

"You can build it under 10x10," said Miller. "We don't want boathouses."

The issue was expected to be a primary focus at a public meeting regarding the township's comprehensive zoning-bylaw held this past Saturday.

The concerns of people like Miller are problematic for the township, which went through extensive public consultations on the official plan it passed in March of last year – a plan that clearly stipulated the need for shoreline setbacks. If council plans to address Miller's concerns it would have to revisit the official plan and change the municipality's overall policy direction before it could alter any bylaw.

"How do we tell people that they can do it on one lake but not another?" said Fearrey.

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GRAEME STEMPECHO

Pull that load

Horses were the star attraction at the Haliburton County Fair in Minden on Friday and Saturday. There were horse events throughout the fair, with the horse pull being the crowd favourite. We have more photos on page 17.

Environmental advocacy starts at the cottage

GRAEME STEMPE
Staff Reporter

Slowly cruising out to his family island, Dr. David Pengelly recounts the kind of history lesson you love to hear on a sunny afternoon in cottage country.

His family's roots go back 70 years to the little island in the middle of Big Soyers Lake. The rest of Soyers Lake, Pengelly says, was owned by about a half dozen families. As time went on, those families sold chunks of land to friends but the originals never left.

Unfortunately, like most lakes, a problem arose that forced the lake residents to defend their pristine environment. For Soyers Lake the concern was actually focused on a tiny subsidiary lake called Little Soyers Lake. A group of investors

moved in and were going to create an "eco-dude ranch", where foreign tourists would herd cattle from one side of the property to the other.

The group of starry-eyed investors planned to solve the obvious problem that this area was never prairie by cutting down all the trees and watering the new grass with water from the lake.

"The amount of water they would've needed to draw from the lake was obscene," recalls Pengelly.

Since a third of the water from Soyers Lake comes from its smaller sibling, Pengelly and some other cottagers appealed the government's decision to allow the group to draw water. The result was that the investors' water permit was renegotiated with much stricter

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Dr. David Pengelly, a renowned air pollution researcher, proudly displays his solar panels on his family's island.

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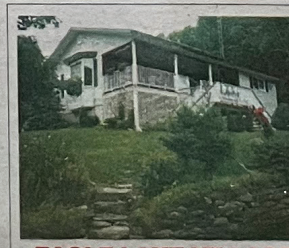
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